(a) whether the Governement propose to set up Rubber Parks in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The Government has approved the proposal of Rubber Board to set up a Rubber Park at Irapuram in Ernakulam District of Kerala in association with Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA).

(b) The park aims at developing 100 acres of land providing infrastructure facilities such as electricity and water, centralised testing and certification of quality of rubber products, common treatment and discharge of factory effluent, communication facilities etc. for establishment of rubber and rubber wood based industries. There is no proposal to set up any other Rubber Park in the country, at present.

Mahila Courts

1654. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA :

SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :

SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :

SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mahila Courts set up in the country to deal with the cases of various atrocities on women, State-wise;

(b) whether these courts are disposing of such cases efficiently;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to increase the number of such Courts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum

1655. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum filed from 1.8.91 to 30.6.93; State-wise; and

(b) the details of investment involved and employment proposed to be created in such memoranda?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) 9,893 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda were filed/acknowledged with a proposed investment of Rs. 2,20,064 Crores and employment proposed to be created for 19,98,130 persons during the period from 1.8.91 to 30.6.93 State-wise details of proposed Investment and employment proposed to be created in these Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

State wise details of items Filed from 01/08/91 to 30/06/93

State Name	No. of IEMs Field	Investment (Rs. Cr.)	Employment
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	566	18296	125421
Assam	26	364	2814
Bihar	104	2853	12890
Gujarat	1410	31994	274459
Haryana	706	8742	130677
Himachal Pradesh	95	3612	32093
Jammu and Kashmir	17	99	6421
Karnataka	362	10418	61111
Kerala	71	2268	16731
Madhya Pradesh	692	24212	187613
Maharashtra	1689	40979	311450
Meghalaya	2	9	217
Nagaland	1	1	140
Orissa	68	1749	31857
Punjab	682	8523	193350
Rajasthan	658	11329	143353
Tamil Nadu	644	10789	94800
Tripura	3	1038	1345
Uttar Pradesh	1227	27086	226476
West Bengal	356	6636	79415
Sikkim	6	10	358
Andaman & Nicobar	4	261	2180
Chandigarh	8	114	3034
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	90	1118	10255

1	2	3	4
Delhi	235	4823	31301
Goa	49	1068	7630
Pondicherry	52	317	5318
Daman & Diu	70	1356	5421
Total	9893	220064	1998130

Misuse of Export Promotion Scheme

1656. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "DGFT to clamp down on misuse of export promotion scheme – Advance licensing – EPCG schemes to be monitored" appearing in the "Economic Times" dated July 10, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the observations made therein and the facts of the matter;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints of large-scale misuse of provisions of the scheme;

(d) if so, the details of major cases of misuses detected during the last three years; and

(e) the action taken by the Government there-on ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news report briefly outlines the action plan of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade:-

(i) for a strict monitoring of export obligation in respect of cases under the Advance Licensing (QABAL and VABAL) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Schemes. In terms of these schemes, duty free import of inputs/capital goods etc. have been allowed against prescribed export obligation which were to be fulfilled within specified periods of time; and

(ii) for strengthening the enforcement wing of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade so that appropriate penal action is taken against exporters who have defaulted in fulfilment of export obligation.

(c) The Government has come across a fairly large number of cases under the Advance Licensing Scheme where the exporters have not fulfilled their export obligation within the permitted period of time allowed by the DGFT for this purpose. However, under the EPCG scheme, the number of cases of not-fulfilment of export obligation is very small.

(d) Major cases of misuse detected during the last three years relate to:

(i) Non-fulfilment of export obligation and unauthorised disposal of imported goods;

(ii) Cases detected in the plastic sector and on import of Brass Scrap, where misdeclaration and suppression of facts in the applications for licences were found;

(iii) Misdeclaration regarding availment of MOD-VAT at the time of seeking transferability;

(iv) Over-invoicing of exports, specially of polyester fabrics.

(e) Appropriate action have been taken as under :

(i) In cases of bonafide default in fulfilment of export obligation, defaulters were given opportunity to regularise the default by payment of Customs duty, interest and surrender of Special Import Licences;

(ii) In cases of unauthorised disposal of imported material, penal action was initiated to cancel the licences or to impose fiscal penalties.

(iii) To scale down the value of licences in case of misdeclaration of c.i.f. prices of inputs in the application;

(iv) Guidelines have been issued to deal with bonafide cases where MODVAT had been wrongfully availed and subsequently reversed;

(v) "Sensitive List" was expanded by bringing Brass Scrap and selected plastic inputs within its ambit;

(vi) where the facts of the cases so warranted, cases were handed over to specialised agencies, such as, the Enforcement Directorate and C.B.I. etc. for further investigations.

[Translation]

Financial Crimes

1657. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN :

SHRI B.L. SHANKER :

SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :

SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :

SHRI P. SHANMUGAM :

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Panel will devise strategy to combat financial crimes" appeared in the "Times of India" dated July 7, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;